



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TANAKA, Hisakazu et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1713

Serial No.: **10/088,107**

Examiner: **Tatyana Zalukaeva**

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For: **WATER ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND ABSORBENT ARTICLE USING  
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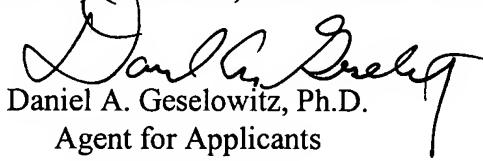
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003 for two months from October 15, 2003, to December 15, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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